IN THE SPECIFICATION

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.57, material omitted from the original specification and drawings that was incorporated in one or more cross referenced applications is being added via amendment. Care was taken to add no new subject matter.

Please amend the paragraph that begins on line 31 of page 72 to read as shown below:

The software in block 610 retrieves information from the system settings table (140), the element of value definition table (155), the component of value definition table (156) and the value driver change table (167) as required to define and initialize a probabilistic simulation model. The preferred embodiment of the probabilistic simulation model is a Markov Chain Monte Carlo model, however, other simulation or optimization models such as linear programs and genetic algorithms can be used with similar results. The information defining the model is then stored in the simulation table (168) before the software in block 610 iterates the model as required to ensure the convergence of the frequency distribution of the output variables. After the simulation calculations have been completed, the software in block 610 saves the resulting information in the simulation table (168) before displaying the results of the simulation to the user (20) via a Value Mentor™ Reports data window (708) that uses a summary Value Map™ report format to display the mid point and the range of estimated future values for the various elements of each enterprise and the changes in value drivers, user-specified or system generated, that drove the future value estimate. The user (20) is prompted to indicate when the examination of the displayed report is complete and to indicate if any reports should be printed. If the user (20) doesn't provide any information regarding reports to display or print, then no reports are displayed or printed at this point and system processing continues. The information entered by the user (20) is entered in to the report table (164) before processing advances to a block 611.

Kindly note: support for the added material regarding optimization models can be found in a variety of places including column 28, line 67 of cross referenced U.S. Patent 5,615,109 and the last paragraph on page 38 of cross referenced U.S. Patent Application 08/999,245.